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MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT HOSTS CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

MISSOULA—

The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) will host its third annual Icebreaker: A Celebration of Service! Saturday, March 1, in Missoula. The event raises money for MTCC programs and scholarships and will begin at 7 p.m. in the St. Patrick Hospital Conference Center. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The evening's festivities will include a large silent auction with items such as a Kona mountain bike donated by Missoula Bicycle Works. There also will be a raffle drawing for a Kodiak 4 x 4 ATV donated by Yamaha. The Silver String Quartet and local favorite Sweet Low Down and the Zoo City Players will provide live music.

"The outstanding citizens of Montana deserve to be recognized – those who make invaluable investments in their communities," said Dean McGovern, MTCC executive director. "We are also very pleased to provide financial assistance, through the (MTCC) Community Service Scholarship, to Montana college students who demonstrate their civic responsibility by getting involved in their local communities."

Icebreaker funds MTCC's five programs and Student Community Service Scholarships, which are awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional community involvement. All college students at the MTCC member institutions are eligible for the scholarships, which will be awarded this spring.

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“Missoula looks forward to this event every year,” McGovern said. “It’s a fun way to shake off the winter and reunite with your neighbors.”

The event is sponsored by Missoula Federal Credit Union, St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, BFI Waste Systems of North America, Community Medical Center, University Motors, Montana First Credit Union, Signs Now, and Yamaha.

For more information about MTCC or to obtain advance Icebreaker tickets, call 243-5177 or go online to www.umt.edu/mtcompact. Tickets also will be available at Rockin Rudy’s starting Feb. 17.

MTCC, headquartered at The University of Montana, is a statewide nonprofit coalition of 17 colleges and universities committed to renewing the public purpose of higher education by promoting public service, service-learning and civic engagement activities across Montana.

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